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1. Between 4 and 15 March 1948, the following eastbound transports moved through Elsterwerda on their way to the border point Forst.

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
11 March 1948	14	Wooden parts for infantry weapons
14 March 1948	16	New machinery for rolling mills
15 March 1948	26	New agricultural machinery
15 March 1948	22	Large transformers

2. The following shipments passed through Elsterwerda destined for points in Czechoslovakia:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
4 March	32	Artillery shells
6 March	14	Electrical jacks
10 March	32	Technical troops and signal section
14 March	32	Infantry (ca. 400 men) with weapons and entrenching tools
	26	Light tank detachment with vehicles
15 March	33	Infantry troops with light machine guns and mortars

Between 27 and 29 February 14 trains containing approximately 10,000 troops had been sent to Czechoslovakia via Elsterwerda. Refugees from Bodenbach and Eger allege that the troops had been requested by the new government for its protection.

3. Between 5 and 15 March 1948, the following eastbound transports passed through Zossen on their way to the border points Küstrin and Frankfurt/Oder:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transport
7 March 1948	18	Hard wood for cellulose
10 March 1948	32	Wood for building

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4. Between 26 February and 12 March 1948 the following eastbound trains passed through Frankfurt/Oder:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transport</u>
26 February	39	Glass goods
	77	Unspecified
	39	Iron supports and rails
	41	Wood for building
27 February	41	Textiles
	79	Unspecified
	38	RR Tank cars (guarded)
	28	Leave train from Frankfurt/Oder carrying about 700 passengers
28 February	40	Soap products
	77	Unspecified
	48	Packed machine parts and cable
	42	New German passenger cars
29 February	44	Sugar
	37	Textiles
	12	Unspecified
	40	Railway rails
1 March	40	Food in cases
	36	Soap products
	79	Unspecified
	27	Leave train from Frankfurt/Oder carrying about 700 passengers
	40	New German passenger cars
2 March	105	Unspecified
	40	Small loaded railway cars, new
3 March	40	Sugar
	65	Unspecified
	29	Leave train from Frankfurt/Oder carrying about 800 passengers
	32	New German passenger cars
	32	Packed machinery
4 March	36	Dried vegetables
	69	Unspecified
	34	Wood for building
	34	Railroad rails
5 March	41	Canned food
	38	Fibers for textiles
	78	Unknown (closed cars)
	39	RR tank cars (guarded)
	34	New RR cars
	29	Leave train, about 700 men
6 March	34	Glassware
	77	Unknown
	36	Cable on drums
	39	RR tracks and ties
7 March	40	Textiles
	79	Unknown
	40	New small locomotives
	37	Machines apparently new
8 March	40	Dried and canned vegetables
	34	Soap products
	38	New small RR cars
	34	New RR cars, large
	38	Lumber
	29	Leave train, about 1100 men
9 March	114	Unknown
	34	RR tank cars (guarded)
	38	Machine parts, crated
10 March	41	Glassware
	103	Unknown
	40	New RR cars
	37	Iron rails and beams
	29	Leave train from Frankfurt/Oder, about 1000 men

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<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transport</u>
11 March	32	Fibers for textiles
	77	Unknown
	40	Cable on drums; and small machines, crated
	42	Machine parts
12 March	34	Textiles
	30	Unknown
	41	Iron beams and masts
	29	Leave train, about 950 men
	38	RR tank cars
	40	Machine parts, large

5. During the same period, 8 empty trains passed through Frankfurt going west. In addition, the following westbound transports were observed:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transport</u>
26 February	28	Leave train, about 1000 men
	32	PWs, about 1200
28 February	29	Leave train, about 1000 men
	34	PWs, about 1500
29 February	26	PWs, about 900
2 March	29	Leave train, about 900 men
4 March	28	Leave train, about 800 men
	29	PWs, about 1400
6 March	29	Leave train, about 1200 men
	30	PWs, about 1400
8 March	39	PWs, about 1500
9 March	30	Leave train, about 900 men
11 March	29	Leave train, about 1100 men
	31	PWs, about 1300

6. Between 12 March and 23 March the following transports passed through Küstrin-Kietz destined for Insterburg:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transport</u>
12 March	35	Cement
	114	Machine parts
13 March	117	Cement
	110	Machinery and parts
14 March	116	Cement
	121	Lumber
15 March	55	Machine parts
	54	Scrap iron
16 March	120	Wood
	57	Cement
	55	Scrap iron
17 March	174	Machine parts and iron
18 March	58	Lumber
	105	Cement
19 March	58	Lumber
	57	Machine parts
20 March	102	Scrap iron
22 March	108	Machine parts
23 March	55	Cement
	53	Lumber

7. During the same period 40 empty trains returned to Germany via Küstrin-Kietz, in addition to the following:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transport</u>
15 March	50	PWs from Poland
17 March	100	Expellees (said to be from Königsberg), destined for Pasewalk
20 March	60	German expellees, for Pasewalk

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